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At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

(1) To correct errors in claim 1, namely that "first portion" in line 3 of claim 1 should be "second portion" and that "second portion" in line 4 of claim 1 should be "first portion".

(2) To present a range of method claims dependent on method claim 13 that correspond to current dependent claims 2 through 12. Namely, to present new claims 14 through 24, which are recited in Attachment A.

[Attach additional sheets, if needed.]

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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Neither the correction to claim 1 nor the addition of dependent claims 14 through 24 constitutes entry of new matter, nor do they enlarge the scope of the claims.

ATTACHMENT A

1. (Original) An article of manufacture for receiving a liquid sample, comprising a solid having a window and a sintered polymer, wherein a first portion of the polymer overlies the window and a second portion of the polymer overlies the surface of the solid without the window; and wherein the polymer is sonically treated; whereby the void volume in the first portion is less than the void volume in the second portion.
2. (Original) The article of claim 1, further comprising a means for adhering the sintered polymer to the solid.
3. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the liquid sample is selected from the group consisting of blood, serum, plasma, sweat, tears, saliva, semen, cerebrospinal fluid, sputum, urine and cervical mucus or swabbings.
4. (Original) The article of claim 3, wherein the liquid sample is blood.
5. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the surface of the sintered polymer is hydrophilic.
6. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the sintered polymer further comprises a coating of detergent.
7. (Original) The article of claim 6, wherein the sintered polymer further comprises a coagulant.
8. (Original) The article of claim 1, further comprising a means for reacting with a liquid sample.
9. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein the reacting means is positioned between the sintered polymer and the window of the solid.
10. (Original) The article of claim 8, wherein the means for reacting is a reaction layer.
11. (Original) The article of claim 10, wherein the reaction layer comprises a reagent that reacts with glucose.
12. (Original) The article of claim 11 wherein the reagent is N-ethyl-N-2-hydroxy-3-sulfopropyl-3,5-dimethylaniline (MAOS).
13. (Original) A method for receiving a liquid sample, comprising the steps of applying a liquid sample to an article of claim 1 on the side of the sintered

polymer opposite the window and allowing the sample to migrate toward the window, whereby the sample does not migrate away from the window due to the reduced void volume in the first portion.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the article further comprises a means for adhering the sintered polymer to the solid.
15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the liquid sample is selected from the group consisting of blood, serum, plasma, sweat, tears, saliva, semen, cerebrospinal fluid, sputum, urine and cervical mucus or swabbings.
16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the liquid sample is blood.
17. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the surface of the sintered polymer is hydrophilic.
18. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the sintered polymer further comprises a coating of detergent.
19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the sintered polymer further comprises a coagulant.
20. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the article further comprises a means for reacting with a liquid sample.
21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the reacting means is positioned between the sintered polymer and the window of the solid.
22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the means for reacting is a reaction layer.
23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the reaction layer comprises a reagent that reacts with glucose.
24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the reagent is N-ethyl-N-2-hydroxy-3-sulfopropyl-3,5-dimethylaniline (MAOS).